REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are pending in the application. Claims 27 and 28 are now canceled.

Claims 27 and 28 were rejected under 35 USC 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. The rejection with respect to claims 27 and 28 is moot, since claims 27 and 28 have been canceled.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks, it is believed that claims 1-26 are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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